

TITLE OF THE INVENTION  
AN ELECTRONIC CASH REGISTER SYSTEM  
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The number of articles to be prepared after a predetermined  
5 interval is predicted according to the number of articles ordered for  
a just before unit interval in response to order data from an  
electronic cash register, the number of stocked articles for said just  
before unit interval, the average number of articles sold for a just  
before interval including the just before unit interval. The  
10 predicted number is displayed according to a peak time zone, a day  
of week, and the present time. This display mode may be  
selectively switched to the conventional display mode displaying the  
number of articles to be prepared. The maximum number may limit  
the predicted number. Historic data for prediction may be stored  
15 and outputted (recorded, printed, or transmitted). The predicted  
number may be displayed on different areas for every type of articles.